

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.167]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### The Hannibal Courier-Post Newspaper Collection

*Abstract:* One issue of The Hannibal Courier-Post and Hannibal Journal, published in Hannibal in 1935 in honor of Mark Twain's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Extent:* 1 folder

*Physical Description:* Paper

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

*Alternative Formats:* None

*Access Restrictions:* Fragile; handle with care

*Publication Restrictions:* Under copyright; may not be duplicated without permission

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### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Samuel Clemens, the town of Hannibal formed a committee called the Centennial Committee whose duty it was to plan events lasting all of 1935 to honor the writer commonly known Mark Twain.

“As plans for the Centennial year began to emerge, the Chamber of Commerce made Centennial Committee appointments. Morris Anderson accepted the general chairmanship with Byrne E.

Bigger, vice chairman; Walter L. Weaver, treasurer; and Frank Russell, secretary. Literature was prepared and advance publications were distributed. Plans were made for a lighthouse to be constructed on the crown of Cardiff Hill, one of the scenes of the capers of Tom and Huck. The Hannibal Trust Company building was engaged to house a Mark Twain museum, and a schedule of events for the year 1935 was devised.

“From these plans, the events of the year were calendared, and they occurred in the following order:

“January 15: Beacon in the Cardiff Hill lighthouse turned on.  
February 27: Mark Twain Jubilee Concert.  
March 6: Special Edition of the Hannibal Courier-Post  
April 26: Dedication of the Mark Twain Museum  
May 9 and 10: Tom Sawyer Day for Hannibal Public Schools  
June 24, 25, 26: The Pageant. Originally planned for June 18, 19, 20  
September 9-14: Mark Twain Homecoming Festival  
October 25: Mark Twain Zephyr christened  
November 15: Awards announced for Mark Twain Essay Contest  
November 30: Banquet honoring the birthday of Mark Twain”

(Hagood, Roberta. “Mark Twain Centennial of 1935,” Hannibal Courier-Post, August 20, 2009: online.)

## ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

### Related Collections

RG106 Department of Higher Education: University of Missouri-Columbia Missouri Historical Review Collection (see Vol. 29 No. 3)

### Additional External Resources

The State Historical Society of Missouri has additional issues of the Hannibal Courier-Post on microfilm: <https://shsmo.org/newspaper/newspapercatalog/pdf/marion.pdf>. The institution also maintains collection [#C995 Typescript Collection](#), which contains a report of the Centennial Committee.

## **HANNIBAL COURIER-POST, 1935**

*Arrangement:* N/a

### **Scope and Content**

This is a special edition of The Hannibal Courier-Post called the “Mark Twain Centennial Edition.” It includes many stories on the life and times of the writer Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain.

### **Container List**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
	OB1	4	<u>The Hannibal Courier-Post</u> Centennial Edition	03/06/1935